

## SEPTEMBER RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE SEASON FACT SHEET

- The resident Canada goose population increased significantly during the 1980's and 1990's, peaking in the late 1990's with an estimated 265,000 geese in Virginia. This population has declined by about 10% annually since 1999, and the current population estimate is approximately 157,560 (+/- 29%) in the state. There are still over 1 million resident geese in the Atlantic Flyway.
- A September season was initiated in 1993 to help manage the population and to provide recreational opportunities for waterfowl hunters. Resident goose seasons are designed to occur prior to the arrival of migrant geese, or in areas where fewer migrant geese are present. The first migrant geese begin to arrive in Virginia around September 25 each year.
- Special resident goose season are effective in managing populations in areas where hunting is allowed. Where hunting is not feasible other options are necessary to mitigate conflicts.

Year	Population Estimate *	September Harvest
2008	157,560 +/- 29%	Not Applicable
2007	154,030 +/- 27%	Not Available until July
2006	136,700 +/- 27%	11,100
2005	129,486 +/- 26%	10,100
2004	143,741 +/- 25%	17,000
2003	186,753 +/- 23%	14,800
2002	218,719 +/- 24%	14,300
2001	218,384 +/- 27%	11,800
2000	227,164 +/- 32%	10,800
1999	261,554 +/- 34%	11,400
1998	264,867 +/- 35%	12,200
1997	249,612 +/- 34%	10,500
1996	181,813 +/- 36%	10,000
1995	151,043 +/- 39%	5,500
1994	129,409 +/- 36%	3,464
1993	115,835 +/- 46%	2,316

\* Population estimate based on 3 –year running average